

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

March 16, 1999

FROM: **RICHARD A. BAKER, Director
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SUBJECT: **SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COURTS SYSTEM NEEDS ASSESSMENT/ PROGRAM
STATEMENT AND CONSOLIDATED COURTS MASTER PLAN - INCREASE
APPROPRIATIONS AND AMEND CONSULTANT CONTRACT**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Authorize Auditor Controller by four-fifths (4/5) vote to increase appropriations by \$85,026 in the Capital Improvement Program (Fund-CJV, Dept.-CIP, Org.-8260, Obj.-4030) and 2) Approve Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. 98-59 with Rosser International for \$77,026 for consultant services related to the expanded scope of work for the Court System Needs Assessment/Program Statement and Consolidated Courts Master Plan.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On February 3, 1998, the Board awarded a consultant contract to Rosser International to conduct a court system needs assessment/program statement and to develop a consolidated courts master plan. This effort was initiated in response to several factors: the seismic issues of the Central Courthouse; the possible addition of four new judgeships within the current year, for which the County has insufficient courtroom space; and the changes in the court funding which may fundamentally change the environment in which the County's court system operates.

As the Master Plan neared completion, it became evident that in order to produce a more viable needs assessment study leading to a workable master plan, it was necessary to introduce the findings of months of research and analysis, as well as emerging recommendations to a broader base of policy makers within San Bernardino County. The result was the engagement of the Study Consultant in a multitude of additional presentations and briefings to judicial, county and city officials as well as other public hearings. To that end, the Consultant dedicated several hundred hours of professional and administrative resources over the span of several months. The result is believed to be a solid and well defined master plan which addresses San Bernardino County's judicial system needs well into the next two decades.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item has been coordinated with Carol Shearer, County Administrative Office; John Giblin, County Administrative Office; Judge John Kennedy, Courts; Eli Montoya, Department Contract Designee; and reviewed as to form by Jean Basle, Deputy County Counsel.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: This project is funded in the FY 1998/1999 Capital Improvement Program. The increased cost of the contract is \$77,026. Increase in appropriations includes consultant fees and A&E project management fees. Revenues are to be increased by \$85,026.00 in the Capital Improvement Program (Fund-CJV, Dept.-CIP, Org.-8260, Obj.-9145).

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All.

PRESENTER: Richard A. Baker, Director